### THE 'PHONE MATTER.

TWO LONG-DISTANCE COMPANIES WANT TO COME HERE.

STATEMENT FROM MR. KEELYN.

Syndicate Proposes to Connec ond with Points in Virginia and Western Cities-Business-Men Favor Amer'n Co.'s Petition.

President J. E. Reelyn, of the West Telephone Construction Company, arrived here yesterday morning from the West, and ran down to Norfolk to spend the day, returning to this city last evening. He is stopping at the Jefforson, with his wife and child, and is here, as set forth in yesterday's Disputch, with a view to having Richmond connected by telephone with the outside He was in Lynchburg Tuesday night, and returned from Norfolk via Petersburg. He had conferences in each of these cities with the owners or managers of the local telephone exchanges, which operate 'phones constructed by the Western company; and a meeting will be held here to-day for the purpose of perfecting plans whereby these cities may be connected with Richmond, MR. KEELYN ENTHUSIASTIC.

Mr. Keelyn, who is an experienced telephone man, is enthusiastic over the prospacts of a long-distance line running into Richmond. He said that an ap-paratus, whereby the service of the Rich-mond Telephone Company would be very materially improved, was even now on its way here, and this will make it pos-sible for audible conversation to be held between Richmond and almost any city Keelyn proposes to run a line from

Mr. Keelyn proposes to run a line from Norfolk Portsmouth, and Berkley through Peteraburg to Richmond; thence to Lynchburg, and straight through from there, via Charleston and Huntington, W. Va., Catlettsburg, Ashland, Winchester, and Maysville, Ky., to Cincinnati, The line will be built, he says, as soon a rights of way are secured, and a sync-

as rights of way are secured, and a syndirate of eastern and western capitalists has been organized, and will be char-tered in Philadelphia in a few days, to put up the money for its construction.

The Western Telephone Construction.

Company is largely interested in the syndicate, and the work of construction will be carried on under its direct supervi-THIS NOT THE ONLY ONE.

The Cincinnati line is not the only one that the syndicate purposes building.
Mr. Keelyn says the 'phones of the Western Construction Company are now located in 200 cities, scattered from Prince
Edward's Island, in the Northeast, to New Mexico, in the Southwest, and it is proposed by this syndicate to connect all of these cities by long-distance 'phones. and to enter with only long-distance is success of the services in which the restern company has no exchange. Already arrangements have been per-

fected, he says, for a line from Johnstown, Pa., to Philadelphia and New York, nade for an interconnecting service from New York to a point in Virginia some little distance south of Washington. An other line has been prospected through Maryland to the southeastern border of

From Richmond the syndicate purposes running lines to Charlotte and Wilming-ton, N. C., and Charleston, S. C., and hopes eventually to secure a connection with Texas, in which State it has a num-

of exchanges in operation.

is not expected that the meeting e to-day will be largely attended, as Mr. Keelyn has the proxies of a number of exchange managers, and he will practically control the situation. Mr. Keelyn's syndicate will, of course, be friendly to the Richmond Telephone Company, and will operate directly with that exchange, hence he will not have to secure a franchise from the Richmond Council.

Another Company in the Field.

lege to do so from the city fathers, an has its application before the Street Com has its application before the Street Committee. This company, which is represented here by Mr. Clarence P. Young and others, will soon present a petition to the Council, which has been signed by many prominent citizens, urging the Council to grant the privileges requested by the company last Monday evening.

Major Ginter was seen at his private office, in the Chamber of Commerce building, yesterday, and asked whether or not he was in favor of granting a franting a

not he was in favor of granting a fran chise to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. Major Ginter re-plied: "Yes, decidedly."

"Do you think it would be advantageous to the South?" was the next question.
"Unquestionably, and particularly to the city of Richmond, which is the gateway of the South. We have strangers coming here from all over the country, particularly in the winter and early particularly in the winter and early particularly. particularly in the winter and early spring, who would be very much accom-modated by being able to communicate instantly with their business and with their friends in distant cities. As I under-stand it, this American Telephone and Telegraph Company is the only national long-distance telephone company in ex-istence in active operation. Their system istence in active operation. Their system connects all the northern cities, and if they are allowed the privilege to come here they will extend their lines to all parts of the South, and consequently will tend to put us in touch with all commercial and business centres of the southern country. I think it would be bad policy on the part of the city not to do everything in its power to secure this enterprise. Cities like Louisville, Nashville, Memphis, and other places have been that to do without a murmur that which the policy of this city would be to place at restrictions upon. I think the resirements here are too great.

"Yen, sir; I heartily favor anything that

Yes, sir; I heartly favor anything that hows competition and progress. It is not right that we should be restricted and not have a privilege which the principal cities of the country enjoy. I think it would be well for the Tobacco Exchange, the Chamber of Commerce, and other commercial bodies, to zealously urge and show the importance of this enterprise, particularly importance of this enterprise, particularly to this city and to the whole South gene-

"I am in favor of the long-distance telephone." said he, "and I think the city of Richmond will be greatly benefited by it. I hope the Council will grant the franchise requested by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, as every facility for business adds to the importance of the city. If the lines of this company are extended South it will be of great benefit to the Southern States.

Other cities have it, and Richmond should have it."

President Aubin L. Possible of the control of the Figs. 1.

President Aubin L. Boulware, of the First National Bank, when approached about the matter, said: "Richmond ought to have it by ail means, and I think it would be a step in the way of progress. We are right in the line as one of the largest Southern cities. I think the City Council ought to consider this matter favorably and help it along all they can." President John P. Branch, of the Merchapts' National Bank, when his opinion was asked, said: was asked, said:

"It is absolutely necessary. There is no reason why we should not have it. I have advocated it here for a long time, and I think the city will be greatly benefited by the

MR. YOUNG ON KEELYN. The Dispatch man saw Mr. Young and asked his opinion of the movement represented by Mr. Keelyn, of Chicago.
"I know Mr. Keelyn weil," said Mr. Young, "and he is a most honorable, progressive, and straightforward business-man. He is the president of the

Western Telephone Construction Com-pany of Clificago, which company manu-factures telephone instruments like factures telephone instruments like those used by the Richmond Telephone Company. In fact, his company is the only one of any importance, other than those that manufacture 'phones of the Bell patents. His telephone is used in nearly all of the new exchanges like the new Richmond Exchange. If he has anything to do with a long distance company, I have not been informed of it. He can tell you about that, and his statements may be relied upon."

PHARMACISTS AND THEIR CLERKS Protest Against Employment of

Unregistered Help in Drugstores. Mr. T. A. Miller, president of the Virginia Board of Pharmacy, Issued a manifesto yesterday afternoon, which is full

of interest and significance. Mr. Miller has sounded the tocsin of war on behalf of the Board of Pharmacy against those druggists who, in order to against those druggists who, in order to curtail expenses, are alleged to have em-ployed unregistered clerks. Mr. Militer says that despite a barren treasury, the board is determined to wage war against the open violators of one of the most im-portant laws of the association. The saving to the proprietors of the drugstores by the employment of this class of help is at least 50 per cent, and he thinks the risk to the public is increased at an even

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Several druggists were seen in this con-Several druggists were seen in this con-nection last night, and it appeared to be the unanimous verdict that Mr. Miller's information was misleading, and that the law was more rigidly observed than he supposed. One of the oldest druggists in the business said that he was personally acquainted with every druggist in the city, and he did not believe there was a stocke instance where an unregistered single instance where an unregistered drug clerk was allowed to fill prescriptions. Many of the druggists, said he employed young men to attend to the less important branches of the business, but they were under no circumstances allowed to perform work for which they were unto perform work for which they were unqualified. This voiced the sentiments of some ten druggists who were seen by a Dispetch reporter. They agreed with Mr. Miller as to the necessity of having prescriptions filled only by competent men, but thought his information as to the violation of the law was not nitogether

#### BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Richmond's Legal Fraternity Make Merry at the Commonwealth,

The quarterly meeting of the Richmond Bar Association was held at the Commonwealth Club last evening, and when the business of the session was concluded one of the enjoyable smokers for which the association is famous was indulged in. cigars and punch being very freely served. cigars and punch being very freely served.

Colonel Jo. Lane Stern, the president
of the association, presided over the business meeting, and also acted as toast-master in the social session. The Executive
Committee, composed of Messrs. Rosewell
Page, J. L. Anderson, and W. O. Skelton, made its report, and showed the association to be in social share.

ton, made its report, and snowed the asso-ciation to be in good shape.

Mr. B. B. Munford was then introduced, and he spoke most humorously of "The Experiences of Country Lawyers with Country Juries." He told quite a number of interesting stories in which he himself had played a conspicuous part, and evoked much laughter and applause.

Mr. S. J. Doswell followed him, and spoke on the "Necessity of Clints," a

spoke on the "Necessity of Clients," a theme which furnished him a vehicle for much side-splitting, laughter-provoking fun. He made the best of his opportunity,

and created intense amusement.

Hon. W. F. Reddy was, as is usual on such occasions, made to sing his Irish congs, and he was forced almost to exacust his repertoire.

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Among those who attended the meeting and participated in the smoker were Judges Keith, Staples, Wellford, Lamb, Christian, and Waddill, and Messrs. C. R. Sands, Overton Howard, Allan Potts, John Pickrell, L. R. Page, R. C. Scott, J. B. Minor, Sol. Cutchins, C. S. Stringfellow, Harvey L. Willson, Cary Stern, and others.

### CITY UNION OF KING'S DAUGHTERS

The American Telephone and Telegraph King's Daughters in the city met yes-ompany of Virginia, which desires to terday at noon in the parlors of the Franklin street, for the purpose of organizing a city union, that the separate circles may be brought closer together. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year; Mrs. B. B. Valentine, chairman; Mrs. Greer, vice-chairman; Mrs. Molvin Patterson, corresponding ecretary; Mrs. A. B. Gulgon, recording

to the propriety of organizing a system of missionary work among the poor of the city. A chapter of twelve circles was ter to work in confunction with the ladies

that at the next meeting, on the secon Wednesday in February, at 4:30 o'clock, the constitution and by-laws, prepared by Mrs. Davis, national secretary, would presented for consideration and

as fortunate in securing so excellent a chairman as is Mrs. Valentine,

## SHOCKOE COUNCIL'S OFFICERS.

Held in Lee Camp Hall. A well-attended and enthusiastic meetwas held last night. It was the first, meeting in the new hall (Lee Camp). The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Regent, W. H. Luck; Past Regent, W. A. Gills; Vice-Regent, J. W. Booker; Orator, J. B. Gayle; Chaplain, Harry Kemp; Secretary, A. D. Jackson; Treasurer, W. T. Ryan; Guide, W. M. Bickers; Warden, M. Salmonsky; Sentry, John Macdowell; Representative to the Grand Council, W. M. Bickers; Trustees-Sot, L. Bloomhers, W. H. Tatum, and R.

Sol. L. Bloomberg, W. H. Tatum, and R. L. Winston. Reports of an encouraging nature were read, and they showed that the council was in a flourishing condition. Short, spicy, and entertaining speeches were made by Grand-Orator Soi. Bloomberg.

Superintendent William H. Thompson, of the Fire-Alarm Department, and his assistant, Mr. George E. Faynter, took especial pains to show Superintendent J. W. Oyden and Assistants P. Fahey and F. Messing, of the Fire-Alarm Department of Wilmington, Del., the historic and interesting points in and around Richmend while the latter gentlemen were visiting here during the early part of this week. The visitors while here said they had heard of the fire-alarm system of this city, but that it had excelled their expectations. The Wilmingtonians returned home Tuesday evening.

NEW YORK, December 9 .- J. K. Em met, the actor, was the plaintiff in a suit for divorce from May B. Emmet, tried to-day. After hearing the evidence, Judge Rossell said that he would give Emmet

take laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if fails to cure.

### FITZ-SHARKEY FIGHT

STORY OF HOW IT WAS "FIXED" FOR THE SAILOR.

SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY.

Regular Conspiracy to Rob "Lank)

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., December 9 .-A large assemblage of ring-followers and men-about-town crowded Judge Sanderson's court-room this morning, in expectation of hearing sensational develop ments regarding the manner in which the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey prize-fight was "fixed," and they were not disappoint-

ed. If credence is to be placed in the story told on the witness-stand by "Australian" Billy Smith, Sharkey's trainer, Fitzsimmons was a defeated man before he left New York. According to Smith's testimony, J. J. Groom, J. H. Glbbs; Danny Lynch, Sharkey's manager, and Sharkey himself were the men who composed the National Athletic Club, before whom the fight was fought. These men, he asseverates, engaged Wyatt Earp as referee, with the understanding that he was to award Sharkey the fight directly

Fitzsimmons landed a body-blow or stomach-punch, which might be stretched into a foul. Earp was to receive \$2,500 for his services.

Smith's story is in substance as follows: Five weeks ago he was employed to train Sharkey at the Ocean-Beach Hotel, George Allen and Danny Needham assisting. He had frequent conversations with Sharkey about his prospective contest with Fitzsimmons. Three weeks prior to the fight Sharkey requested Smith to suggest a good referce. Smith named Hiram Cook, and Lynch promised to call on that gentle-man. A few days later Lynch informed Smith that Cook was not a suitable re-ferce. Smith was then advised by Sharkey of the fact that he (Sharkey) and Lynch had an interest in the Na-tional Club. Sharkey stated that Lynch, Groom, and Gibbs were all "broke," and that he himself was obliged to put up 25,500 to guarantee his appearance in the riug, leaving him almost broke. Lynch and he were each to receive 20 per cent. of the gate receipts after the expenses and purse-money had been deducted.

Ten days before the fight Sharkey mentioned to Smith that Lynch had succeed in engaging one Wyatt Earp, a horseand Gibbs were all "broke,"

tioned to Smith that Lynch had succeeded in engaging one Wyatt Earp, a horse-owner, to act as referee. Earp had agreed to give the fight to Sharkey on a foul the first time Fitzsimmons hit him a body-blow at close quarters, and, in con-sideration of his decision, the referee was

EVERYTHING "FIXED." On the morning before the fight Sharkey On the morning before the fight Sharkey again assured Smith that everything was "fixed" satisfactorily for Sharkey to win. After describing his movements in the ring before the call of time. Smith continued: "Sharkey was dazed at the end of the second round, and was practically defeated then. I did not see the Knockout blow. After Sharkey had been knocked out Lynch whishered to him: Pretend out blow. After Sharkey had been knock-el out, Lynch whispered to him: 'Pretend to be in great pain, and it will be all eight.' We carried Sharkey to his dressright.' We carried Sharkey to his dressing-room and put him on a cot. Lynch refused to allow anybody in the room. Sharkey kept holding his hands to his head, and complaining of his sore ear and jaw, but said nothing about his groin. I started to remove his trunks, but Lynch stopped me. We then carried Sharkey to a hack, and removed him to his hotel. Allen, Lynch, Needham, and myself laid him out on a bed, I took off his shoes and trousers and Allen removed his trunks. He made no complaint except regarding his head and ear, and I saw no evidence of discoloration about the groin. A few moments later we heart Sharkey sereaming, and Allen remarket: I don't like the looks of this. I am going

could go for the night, as he had en-

Sharkey, and found the swelling on ans-groin very apparent, but he did not com-plain of suffering any pain in that re-gion. His ear troubled him, however, He asked me what kind of a fight he had put up, and I told him a pretty good one. He said that Fitzsimmons could whip Corbett in two rounds. He hits like a mule," continued Sharkey, "and Corbett

would not last any time with him.'

"tharkey told me I could sleep with him that night. I offered to put hot bandages on him, but he told me they were not necessary. Before going to sleep he jumped out of bed, lit a cigar, and walked around the room. He asserted we that he was all right, execut.

me that he was all right, except-is sore ear." SMITH'S STORY UNSHAKEN.

On cross-examination Smith stuck to his story, and his evidence was not shaken. He also disclosed the fact that Dr. Lee was not summoned to Sharkey's edside until two hours and a half after

bedside until two hours and a half after the fight was over.

Lynch, Groom, and Gibbs denounce Smity's testimony as rank perjury. Ther claim that Smith demanded \$1,000 for his services as trainer, and declined to accept the \$400 tendered him. Allen, who promised to corroborate Smith's testimony, was offered \$200, but attempted to blackmall Sharkey and Lynch into paying him double that amount. Lynch asserts that Allen and Smith, finding that their attempt at extortion would be futile, went to Fitz, and ofmeding that their attempt at extortion would be futile, went to Fitz, and offered to make certain disclosures concerning alleged jobbery which can easily be disproved. Colonel Kowalski, Fitzsimmons's counsel, avers that he has enough testimony to convict the entire Sharkey following of gross conspiracy and fraud.

Smith's testimony has created a tre-mendous sensation amount of the control of t sensation among the sporting fraternity.

## TRAIN HOLD-UP IN ST. LOUIS.

Time-Lock Foils the Would-Be Rob bers, Who Escape.

ST. LOUIS, MO., December 9.-Passenger-Train No. 65, south-bound, on the Iron Mountain railroad, was boarded at Vandeventer avenue, in this city, at 9 o'clock to-night by six would-be trainrobbers. Two held up the conductor and brakeman, two covered the fireman and engineer, and two others operated by the properties. and engineer, and two others operated on the express-car. Those on the locomotive stopped the train at the Batesstreet crossing, and the door of the express-car was opened with dynamite. The messenger was forced to give up his keys, but the through safe, containing the money packages, was locked with a time-lock, and could not be opened. The robbers got nothing, and, at a signal, they left the train, firing their guns to prevent pursuit, and fled in the darkness. The vicinity was soon surrounded by police, and a number of arrests were made.

ing Company, of Norfolk. ROCHESTER, N. Y., December 9.—John R. Strauchen, a well-known mason contractor, has filed a general assignment. The assets will amount to \$175,000; the liabilities to about \$125,000. The failure was caused by Mr. Strauchen's being unable to realize on \$77,000 worth of shares to the Consumers' Strewing Company. the Consumers' Brewing Company, of

Judge Mallon Dead. CINCINNATI, O., December 9.—Ex-Judge Patrick Mallon, one of the elder members of the bar of this city, died sud-



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### REPUBLICAN PLANS.

SENATORIAL STEERING COMMIT-TEE AND HANNA CONFER.

A REACH AFTER SENATORSHIPS,

Dingley Bill Impossible of Enactment Into Law-An Extra Session of Congress as Soon as Possible Called For.

WASHINGTON, December 9 .- Late this afternoon, at the Capitol, the Republican Senatorial Steering Committee and Mr. Mark A. Hanna held a conference that lasted upwards of two hours. The situation in the States of North Carolina South Dakota, Kentucky, and Washington with respect to the election of United States Senators was discussed, and it was decided that every honorable method should be employed to elect senator there, if possible

The possibility of passing the Dingle bill was also considered. While the Republicans will vote to take that measure up whenever such a motion is made, the committee sees that the bill cannot possibly secure the requisite vote to become a law.

It was also the judgment of the commitee that an extra session of Congresshould be called at as early a day a possible after the inauguration of Mc

THE BOND-SALE COMMITTEE.

It Will Make Partial Report-Belmont and Morgan.

WASHINGTON, December 9.-The subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Finance engaged in an investigation of the bond sales held a brief session to day, and agreed to make partial report "After waiting fifteen minutes they let to the full committee and ask for in a into Sharkey's room again, and I structions. While sitting in New York An Organization Effected and important Work to Be Done.

The ladies of the various circles of King's Daughters in the city met yesterday at noon in the parlors of the Women's Christian Country of the Women's Christian Country of the Standard Coun

under the terms of the resolution.

Mr. Vest pressed for a response, but without success. He was compelled to context himself with the statement that the matter would be reported to the full committee for action.

committee for action.

This was the particular question discussed by the sub-committee to-day. Since the decision in the Chapman case—that of the recalcitrant sugar-investigation witners—some of the members of the sub-committee contend that they should again summen Messrs. Morgan and Belmont, and, upon their refusal to answer the questions, certify them to the District and, upon their results to the District Attorney for action before the grand jury. The bankers contend that their case comes under the rule in the Hallet Kilbourne case, and is foreign to the principle involved in the one recently decided. This view is coincided in by at least one prominent member of the sub-committee. The action to be taken in the future will pend upon the vote of the full com-

#### DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS.

Republican Offices-Hanna-Porter. WASHINGTON, December 9.-Senato Jones, chairman of the Democratic Na tional Committee, will move the headquarters of his committee from Chicago to Washington. All the records of the committee now in Chicago will be for-warded here as soon as may be conve-nient. The committee will occupy rooms in the Hutchinson building, at the corner of Tenth and D streets, adjoining the headquarters of the Democratic Con-gressional Committee and the League or Democratic Culbs.

Democratic Culbs.

Mr. Walsh, of Iowa, the secretary of the Democratic National Committee, was here yesterday, in conference with Senator Jones on the subject. He left for the West last night.

The National Republican Committee the Secretary of the Glover building on F

have selected the Glover building, on F have selected the Glover bullang, on F count or inclement weather work hours street, near the Treasury Jepariment, as for the present would be reduced to seven and a half hours a day. The men said they established there immediately after New Year's. The local committee will also have rooms at the new headquarters, and work by that committee in preparing for the treasural ceremonies has already bathe inaugural ceremonies has already be-

Chairman Hanna had a great many callers to-day, and had a number of conferences with members of the National Committee, who are in the city.

General Horace Porter, who is to be marshal of the inaugural parade, is expected to name his aides in a few days.

POWERS AND THE PORTE.

No Truth in Story About Compulsion on the Sultan.

LONDON, December 9.-A representative of the United Associated Presses visited the Foreign Office to-day for the purpose of ascertaining the truth or falsity of a dispatch published by a New York newspaper this morning, and cabled here, alleging that Russia, France, and England, with the assent of Germany. Austria, and Italy, would at once compel the Sultan to adopt radical reforms, under the joint supervision of the three Powers first named, etc.; that the British, French, and Russian squadrons, were under orders to assemble at the entrence to the Dardenelles without delay, and in short, that the Sultan was to be reduced to a state of vassalage. After reading the dispatch the Fereign-Office authori-York newspaper this morning, and cabled

es declared the statements contained therein to be absolutely unfounded. The status quo, they said, had not been changed in the slightest degree.

The Powers, the authorities added, were still trying to agree upon a plan of exerting pressure upon the Sultan to induce him to enforce the reforms in Turkey that had been promised, but it would be a long time before they would think of moving troops and ships. Still, they said, they were slud that stories of ey said, they were glad that stories of kind shown them were published, as ey might have the effect to frighten Sultan into action in the direction of nstituting reforms,
The Birmingham Post prints a London

dispatch similar to the one described above, qualifying it by snying: "It is stated" that fleets will shortly be mobil-ized in order that they may be ready, if it should become necessary to enforce reforms in the Ottoman empire. These reports do not attract much attention here, as they are regarded as belonging to the series of solutions of the Turkish situation, which are always shown to be false when inquired into.

#### MISS UHL MARRIED.

The Ambassador's Daughter Be-

comes Mrs. Guy Thompson. BERLIN, December 9.-Miss Lucy Uhl, laughter of the United States Ambassa dor to Germany, Mr. Edwin F. Uhl, was married this afternoon to Professor Guy Thompson, of Yale University. During Regiment of Guards serenaded the young couple. the morning the band of the Alexander

French Naval Budget.

PARIS, December 9.—Premier Meline, d. Cochery, Minister of Finance, and dimiral Besnard, Minister of Marine, ddressed the Budget Committee of the chamber of Deputies to-day on the sub-ject of the amendment of M. Lockroy, asking for a credit of 200,000,000 francs for the mavy. Admiral Besnard declared that the condition of the navy was not so unfavorable as had been sug-gested by the opponents of the amend-ment, but that the government had for several months contemplated an increase of the strength of the fleet, and would soon decide to ask the Chamber for money to carry out their plan. The gov-ernment, however, would not accept any to re-establish an extraordi-

German Steamship Subsidies. steamship lines to the far East. In the course of the debate, Dr. Von Boettleher, Imperial Minister for the Interior, said that the competition in Eastern Asia between nations seeking new out-lets for trade was so sharp as to make it desirable that German enterprise should be protected by increased subsidies, which he thought ought to be raised

HAMBURG, December 3.—The German steamer Kalser, which recently arrived here from Port Natal, and had been prepared for the accommodation of the men who had taken the places of some of the dockmen now out on strike, was sunk last such. The realies authorities have been night. The police authorities have begun

Governorship of the Philippines. has assumed the duties of Governor of the Philippine Islands. General Blanco, formerly Governor of the Philippine of the King's military household.

for some time past, is spreading rapidly. There were 55 new cases and 39 deaths from the disease yesterday. The mor-tality in the city for last week from all diseases was 1,000.

STRIKE ON GOVERNMENT BOATS.

of the mechanics employed by Moran Brothers, shipbuilders of this city, are on a strike, and will leave on the next steamer for San Francisco. The men have been employed on two steam steel ves-sels, which the Morans are building for the government—a torpedo destroyer and a government tugboat. Moran Brothers announced Tuesday evering that on ac-count of inclement weather work hours

Battle with a Criminal.

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 9.—A special to the State from Kingstree states that about dark this evening, when Jailer Henry Britton went to feed his two prisoners, one of them, a desperate negro, Henry Jones, knocked him to the floor and tried to choke him to death. Mr. Britton cried for help, and, mean time, had a hard battle for his life with the desperate criminal. Finally help came, and the negro was overpowered. The other prisoner in the jail got out of his cell and tried to escape, but, fortunately, the jailer had locked the doors below. Mr. Britton was very badly used up by his assaliant, but will be himself again in a few'days. Battle with a Criminal.

Sale of Northeastern (Ga.) Railroad.
ATLANTA, GA. December 3.—The bill to sell the Northeastern railroad, which passed the House yesterday, was reconsidered to-day, and referred back to the Committee on Railroads. It is reported to-night that an offer has been made to withdraw opposition to the bill, and allow it to pass. The partice who made the offer were requested by those who want to buy the property to put their offer in writing, so that it could be considered. Sale of Northeastern (Ga.) Railroad.

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head, natural curly hair, teeth showing. shoes and stockings, 73c 13-inch Kid-Body Doll, bisque head and hands, teeth showing, curly hair, shoes

and stockings, 25c.

11-inch Kid-Body Doll, bisque head, flowing hair, teeth showing, 10c. 13-inch Dressed Doll, bisque head, jointed body, long flowing hair, fancy dresses and hats to match, worth to \$1, 59c.

Toy Tea Sets (24 pieces), nicely decorated, 19c.

Toy Ten Sets, large pieces, fine German china, neatly decorated, 50c. Britannia Tea Sets, silver finish, 25c. Britannia Tea Sets, all large pieces

worth \$1.50, 98c. Parlor Peuter Sets, plush upholstered, Boys' Fine Quality Air Rifles, worth

\$1.50, 95c Magnetic Toys, 5c. box. Magic Lanterns, six long stides, 48c, No. 6 Red Rubber Balls, 10c. Oak-Finished Sideboards, worth 25c., 10c Child's Dressers, with Mirror, worth \$2,

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50c. Iron Bell Toys, 25c. Handsome Large-Size Doll-Carringes, nicely upholstered, Empire design, spe-

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MORE BARGAIN-TABLES FILL OF CUPS AND SAUCERS At 121-2c.—Handsome After-Dianer and Chocolate-Caps and Sau-cers, none worth less than 25c, many of them to \$1.25. Chain,

12 1-2c. At 25c.—Chocolate Tea-, Coffee-, and Moustache-Capt and Saucers, worth to \$1.50, At 50c.-Chocolate, After-Dinner, Souvenir, Ten, and Coffee Cups and Soucers, 500 different shapes and decorations, none worth less than \$1-many of them to \$2.50.

Genuine American Haviland-China Dinner-Sets for half price and less. Four of our best patterns, \$40 sets, best French China, \$19.98.

Candiesticks, two lots, to go at in-than half-price-Handsomely Decorate China (imported), 50c, kind, for its, 35c, Fruit Plates, fine thin china, in re-

# The Fourgurean-Price Company

ELEGANT RECEPTION.

Of Norfolk Daughters of the American Revolution. NORFOLK, VA., December 9.- (Special.)

To-day being the anniversary of the batle of Great Bridge, fought near this city Oscember 9, 1775, the Great Bridge Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution of this city, in accordance with their usual custom, gave an elegant reception at the home of their registrar, Mrs. John Graham, Colonial avenue. The house was most elaborately decorated in empire style, and the rooms presented a beautiful appearance. Especially attraclighted by waxen candles in silver can-delabra, and ornamented with roses, chrysanthemums, and other beautiful blossoms everywhere. The menu em-braced many delicacles prepared by the daughters, and served in true Colonial

The most beautiful feature of the reception was the fair daughters them selves arrayed in splendid Colonial cos tumes of quaint design and costly maternal. The following offivers of the society received: Meedames Hugh N. Page, Richard Walke, John Graham, Tazewell, Philip Yeatman, and Miss Rose Rountree. The members of the society acted as hostesses. Another feature of acted as hostesses. Another feature of the evening was the delivery of an able ddress by Bishop A. M. Randolph, of Colonial and Revolutionary History, The address was not of great length, but treated the subject in a highly entertain-ing manner. Mr. Philip Alexander Bruce, of Richmond, presented the society with a library edition of his "Economic His-tory of Virginia," and three elegantlyad volumes of The Virginia Histori

#### DEAD NEAR THE TRACK. A Case Pointing Strongly to a Murder.

Murder.

HINTON, W. VA., December 9.—(Special.)—"Stone" Adkins, a young man, was found dead near the Chesapeake and Ohio railway tracks at a point near Meadow Creek station this morning, under circumstances that seem to show conclusively that he had been murdered. His right leg and right arm were broken, and Dr. S. P. Peck, of this city, after an examination, testified before the Coroner's jury that the bones were broken after death. A pool of blood was found on the railroad track about 1,500 feet above where the body was discovered, and the ground around the pool showed marks of a scuffle having taken place. Aökins left Glade fle having taken place. Ackins left Glade Station last night in company with seve-ral young men, one of whom was known as "Little Man" Caylor. They went to a place kept by some women, and on the way back had two or three fights. Caylor had with him a stone about the size of an egg tied in the orner of a silk hand-kerchief. This bundkerchief and Cay-lor's hat were found near the pool of FIRIKE ON GOVERNMENT BOATS.

THE Mechanics Object to Working
Shorter Days.

SEATTLE, WASH., December 9.—Fifty

Start discussions was 1,00.

Shorter Days.

SEATTLE of the mechanics object to Working Seattle, wash, become a confession, but nothing is definite. Caylor is under arrest.

MANY MOURN HIM.

Hitherto Popular Men Leaves
Friends in the Lurch.
ROANOKE, VA., December 2.—(Special.)
E. M. Dawson, conductor of an agent's
tailoring establishment in this city, and
at one time a partner and general manager of the clothing establishment of the
late Joseph Cohn, has left here and is
mourned for by several confiding friends
who cashed checks for him ranging from
5 to \$20 and which have since proved
to be worthless. A note of \$275, endorsed
for him by a gentleman here, has gone to
protest in the past few days and a club
of fifty persons, mostly railroad men,
who had ordered suits distributed in
weekly drawings, which were paid for on
the instalment plan, is also said to be a
loaer in the aggregate by nearly \$700.
When Dawson left here Sunday night he
said he was going to Baltimore to accept
a situation in a clothing establishment
with a good salary, but one of the parties
who cashed a check for him has received
a felegram from him at Columbus, O.,
in which he admitted that the check was
of no value, but promised to make it good.
Dawson is a married man, but his
family are as ignorant of his whereabouts
as the rest of the people of this city.
While in business here he was very
popular. popular.

Target-Practice of Norfolk Soldiers. Target-Practice of Norfolk Soldiers.

NORFOLK, VA., December 9.—(Special.)—At the target practice of the Lee Rifles, of this city, at Ocean View, to-day, the company's gold medal for the best rifle shot was won by Pirst-Sergeant D. C. Burrow, who made 10 out of a possible 15, at 200 yards. Several of the best marksmen shot to qualify themselves as sharpshooters. The only successful one was Corporal Ferguson, who scored 19 out of a possible 5. The company went through various evolutions, including the skirmish-drill, which was executed with great proficiency. The soldiers then en-

rall carrying off the honor

Death of a Bedford City Lady, BEDFORD CITY, VA., De protracted illness from Mrs. Oit was born in I July 14, 1839, and was a ture and many graces Linwood Ott, of Lexingto Garvin, of Lynchburg; Miss and Nellie Ott, and Mr. Mo of Bedford City.

One Bend, the Other Dying NORFOLK, VA., Decial)-Mr. William Hand the First Baptist church for his aged father to children. He expect

a cablegram, stating that one ch dead, and the other dying. He once for New York, where he will for Liverpool to-morrow

NORFOLK, VA., December About a month ago Chartsaloon-keeper, of this clided in his bed from gas jets to the chandelier be wife stated that she had be not mention the fact to any of was placed in jail, charged with

PAMPLIN CITY, VA., Decem and the work will be pushed as as the weather will admit.

CHARLESTON, S. C., December Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of

around the harbor by the local Manual. De Young Confident McKinley Will

who are at school in Paris. steamer sailed Mr. De Young porter that he was confident to

Archbishop Fabre Dying. MONTREAL, December 2 - A Fabre is sinking rapidly, and ca much longer, Cardinal Rampoll

Washington.-The Indiana left Nea-York for Hampton Roads. Springfield, III.—J. H. Brigham, o master of the National Grange, dorsed for Secretary of Agricultus session of the Illinois State Grang Chicago, Dissipation Chicago.—The Chicago Dispatch nounces that, after the first of the c

patch. Taylor Delk case was withdrawn, a trial proceeded with eleven jurora-was convicted of reurdering the of Pike county, but got a new tria Atlanta, Ga.—T. A. Littlejohn was nominated at a caucus of Democrats for the judgeship in the Southwestern Circuit, made vacant by the resignation of Judge Fish, who was nominated for a place on

Macon, Ga.-Under orders from Gov-Macon, Ga.—Under orders from Governor Atkinson, Cunningham, the nearly who assaulted Miss Camp, near Albary, Ga. was taken from the Bibb county jall, where he was held for safekeeping and sent to Albany, in charge of the Macon Hussars.

Columbus, Ca. Special Master, James

Columbus, Ga.—Special-Master James
Columbus, Ga.—Special-Master James
English sold the Columbus Southern railroad at public outery. There was but one
bid—\$750.000, by J. R. Anderson and S.
R. Williams, acting in the interest of the
Georgia and Alabama railroad, which
road will operate the Columbus Southern,